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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCH, MAY 27

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1. THE BULK OF PERMREPS' DISCUSSION AT THEIR REGULAR TUESDAY LUNCHEON ON MAY 29 CONCERNED PROCEDURAL DETAILS OF THE NATO SUMMIT. THESE HAVE BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY. ONLY OTHER DISCUSSION SUBJECTS OF GENERAL INTEREST WERE: A) A COMPLAINT BY THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR THAT THE FOUR ALLIES WHO ARE THE "BERLIN POWERS" WERE NOT CONSULTING ADEQUATELY WITH THEIR NATO ALLIES; AND B) QUESTION OF DATES FOR SPRING 1976 NAC MINISTERIAL AT OSLO.

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2. IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSION OF THE NATO SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE AND WHETHER IT WOULD CONTAIN BERLIN LANGUAGE, BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE LAUNCHED A RATHER SHARP DIATRIBE AGAINST "THE FOUR BERLIN POWERS" (I.E. THE BONN GROUP) FOR NOT INFORMING

OTHER ALLIES UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT OF WHAT THEY INTENDED TO DO. DE STAERCKE SAID THAT DESPITE IMPROVEMENT DURING RECENT YEARS IN QUADRIpartite CONSULTATION WITH THE NAC, HE FELT THE FOUR WERE REVERTING TO "THEIR OLD DEPLORABLE HABIT" OF NOT KEEPING OTHER ALLIES ADEQUATELY INFORMED. AMBASSADOR BRUCE RESPONDED THAT HE FELT HE COULD NOT LET DE STAERCKE'S STATEMENT STAND UNANSWERED. AT THE MOMENT, THERE WAS NO AGREED QUADRIpartite COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON BERLIN. PERHAPS THERE MIGHT BE AFTER THE FOLLOWING MORNING'S (MAY 28) QUADRIpartite BREAKFAST AT WHICH ONE ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD BE WHETHER THE FOUR WISHED TO PROPOSE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO BERLIN. BRUCE SAID FURTHER THAT BERLIN REPRESENTED A PARTICULAR SITUATION WHERE THE FOUR POWERS OF THE BONN GROUP HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES. IT IS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO REACH DECISIONS AMONG THEMSELVES ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS BERLIN LANGUAGE FOR A SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE BEFORE THESE DECISIONS CAN BE SUBJECTED TO COMMENT BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NAC. BRUCE ENGAGED AT SOME LENGTH IN REVIEW OF THE BERLIN PROBLEM AND DE STARECKE APPEARED SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED AFTER HEARING THESE OBSERVATIONS.

3. NORWEGIAN PERMREP BUSCH BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF DATES FOR THE SPRING 1976 NAC MINISTERIAL WHICH HIS COUNTRY HAS OFFERED TO HOST (REFTEL). SYG LUNS THOUGHT THE COUNCIL OUGHT TO TRY TO FIX DATES IN MAY 1976 FOR THIS MEETING. THERE WAS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON THIS SUBJECT AS MANY PERMREPS FAVORED DATES IN JUNE. AMBASSADOR MENZIES (CANADA) RECALLED THAT IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THE DPC MINISTERIAL TO PRECEDE THE NAC MINISTERIAL AND HE SAID THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DECIDING IN FAVOR OF DATES IN MAY, 1976. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON NORWEGIAN SUGGESTION REGARDING DATES FOR 1976 SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL (SEE REFTEL).BRUCE

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